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1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-4, and 9-10 directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on March 2, 2006.

Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 5-8, 11-15 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior arts of record does not disclose an occupant detecting device disclosed in claim 5, the device includes a plural cells, a pad in the seating part of the vehicle, a peak row detecting means, a lateral width calculating means, a determining means, a temperature sensor for detecting temperature of the seating part of the vehicle seat, and a correcting means for correcting either the obtained lateral width or the lateral width threshold based on the temperature detected by the temperature sensor in consideration of change of hardness of the pad caused by the temperature change.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Thu Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6967. The

examiner can normally be reached on T-F (7:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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